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**RE: MORGAN COUNTY
SITE- DOGPOUND**

Morgan County Commissioners
155 East Main Street
McConnelsville, OH 43756

Dear Commissioners:

On May 1, May 6, and May 21, 2008, I conducted an inspection of the disposal sites where dog carcasses were disposed by the Morgan County Dog Warden at the Morgan County Dog Shelter.

Removal of animal carcasses and contaminated soil was performed on May 1. I returned to the site on May 6 for a follow-up inspection. On May 14, 2008, I met with Commissioner Don Reynolds to discuss my final inspection of the Dog Shelter. Based on that meeting, I made arrangements with the Morgan County Engineer to have a backhoe available to dig test pits during a final inspection. On May 21, 2008, I met Morgan County Engineer Steve Hook at the facility. I observed the excavation of three test pits, each approximately 4 feet deep. These pits were dug in random locations under my direction to verify that all remains had been adequately removed. We did not observe the presence of any animal remains during these excavations.

I advised Mr. Hook that the County should proceed with seeding and mulching the area to establish vegetation. Mr. Hook indicated that his office will be submitting a report to the Morgan County Commissioners regarding the clean-up at this location.

Please provide the Ohio EPA Southeast District Office with a copy of the Morgan County Engineer's report along with receipts verifying proper disposal of all animal remains and soil. Please contact me at 740/380-5219 if you have any questions regarding the above referenced inspections.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Thompson
Division of Solid & Infectious Waste Management

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